

Response to Restriction Requirement

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**Remarks**

The following remarks are submitted to be fully responsive to the Official Action dated December 30, 2005. This response is believed to be timely submitted within the one-month shortened statutory period. Should additional fees be required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Kagan Binder Deposit Account No. 50-1775 and thereafter notify us of the same. Reconsideration of all outstanding grounds of the rejection and allowance of the subject application are believed in order and respectfully requested.

Restriction to one of the following is required by the Office Action:

Group I (claims 1-10, 22-28 and 32-39, drawn to an envelope),

Group II (claims 11, 19-21, 31 and 42, drawn to a method for reusing an envelope), and

Group III (claims 12, 29 and 30, drawn to a label).

Applicant hereby elects to prosecute Group I, claims 1-10, 22-28 and 32-39. This election is made without traverse.

Election of one of the following species is also required by the Office Action:

- IV. Figs 1-3
- V. Figs. 4 and 5
- VI. Figs. 10-14
- VII. Figs. 18-20
- VIII. Figs. 22-29
- IX. Figs. 6 and 7
- X. Figs. 8 and 9
- XI. Figs. 15 and 17
- XII. Fig. 16
- XIII. Fig. 21.

Applicant hereby elects species IV, as illustrated in Figures 1-3. It is respectfully submitted that all of the claims of elected Group 1 (claims 1-10, 22-28 and 32-39) read on Figures 1-3. This election is made without traverse.

In view of the above election and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the foregoing is fully responsive to the outstanding Restriction Requirement. In the event that a phone conference between the Examiner and the Applicant's undersigned attorney

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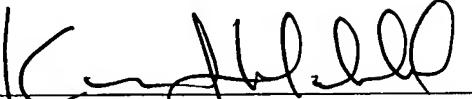
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would help resolve any issues in the application, the Examiner is invited to contact said attorney at (651) 275-9813.

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